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THE HEDGEHOG

...with Knuckles the Echidna, and Team Chaotix travel to the Robotnik-controlled Angel Island after learning that Knuckles' father, Locke, has been taken captive by the evil Doctor Robotnik. The heroes arrive to find that things have radically changed. The dingoes, who are now acting as Robotnik's occupying force, have enslaved the echidnas. Knuckles is now idolized by many echidnas because of his return from the afterlife, and he finds the most unlikely of allies in his former enemies, the Dark Legion, current caretakers of the Master Emerald, the power which keeps Angel Island afloat. Our heroes learn that Robotnik is trying to force Locke into revealing the location of the Master Emerald.

Kommissar, the Dark Legion's self-serving leader, learns from Harry--her dingo spy--where Locke is being held prisoner. Sonic, Knuckles, Team Chaotix, and the Dark Legion storm Dingo City and successfully free Knuckles' father from the dingo leader, General Kage. However, Robotnik reveals that he no longer needs Locke to reveal the location of the Master Emerald. One of his agents has already found it--an agent named...

THE HUNTER

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THE HEDGEHOG

RETURN TO ANGEL ISLAND

PART 4: ULTIMATE HERO



ONE
DOWN...

THE HIDDEN PALACE ZONE

ZORCH

SPECIAL THANKS TO
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...MILLIONS
TO GO.

CONTROL



HUNTER! NOW
THAT YOU'VE
LOCATED THE
DARK LEGION'S
HIDING PLACE,
STOP WASTING
TIME, YOU
ECHIDNA-
OBSESSED
LOON, AND
BRING ME THE
MASTER
EMERALD!



I'M
GETTING
TO IT,
DOCTOR!

SEGA
AVATAR

DINGO CITY

NICE WORK, **KNUCKLES**! LOOKS LIKE BETWEEN YOU, ME, THE **CHAOTIX** AND THE **DARK LEGION**, WE SURE KICKED BUTT ON **GENERAL KAGE** AND HIS **DINGO ARMY**! *

WE **SHOULDN'T** GO CONGRATULATING OURSELVES YET, **SONIC**!

MY SON IS RIGHT--**ESPECIALLY** IF ONE OF **ROBOTNIK'S AGENTS** IS **HOMING IN** ON THE **MASTER EMERALD** **EVEN** AS WE SPEAK!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING, **LOCKE**! THIS WOULDN'T HAVE **HAPPENED** IF WE HADN'T WASTED **TIME** AND **ECHIDNA-POWER** STAGING YOUR **RESCUE**! *

ROBOTNIK'S AGENT COULD BE WALKING INTO THE **HIDDEN PALACE** RIGHT NOW.

WHAT'S THE BIG **DEAL**, **KOMMISAR**, WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE **FASTEST THING ALIVE** ON YOUR TEAM? I'LL BE THERE **BEFORE** YOU CAN SAY 'WOULD-BE-WORLD **CONQUEROR**!'!

I **SUGGEST** YOU TAKE MY SON ALONG FOR THE **RIDE**, **SONIC**.

* SEE **ISSUE #140**.

* **ALSO** **ISSUE #140**.

ME?! DAD, WITHOUT MY **CHAOS** **POWERS**, WHAT AM I **SUPPOSED** TO DO? **CHEER**?

YOU CAN LEND YOUR **FRIEND** A HAND...

NOT THAT I'LL REALLY **NEED** THE **HELP**, BUT DITCH THE **GEAR** ALL THE SAME-- THIS IS ONE **HEDGEHOG** THAT LIKES TO TRAVEL **LIGHT**!



THE HIDDEN
PALACE

ZORCA

WHAT
IN--?!

WE'RE
UNDER **ATTACK**,
WYNMACHER!

BUT FROM
WHOM, DOCTOR
FINITEVUS?!

IT MATTERS **NOT**, LARA-LE!
THE MASTER EMERALD
MUST BE **SAFEGUARDED**.

AGREED.

ARCHIMEDES,
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

NO TIME FOR
EXPLANATIONS
CONSTABLE
REMINGTON! HURRY
INTO THE MASTER
EMERALD SHRINE--
ALL OF
YOU!

I **INTEND** TO STAY AND
FACE WHATEVER **THREAT** IS ABOUT
TO WALK THROUGH THAT **DOOR**,
ARCHIMEDES!

WHO GAVE YOU THE **AUTHORITY**
TO BE HERE, FIRE ANT?

LOCKE DID WHEN HE **ASKED** ME
TO KEEP AN **EYE** ON THE MASTER
EMERALD AFTER HE **ENTRUSTED**
IT TO...

...YOU.



CHAOS LANE
CHARGE

TARGET:
REMINGTON

DON'T
WORRY!
I'LL
HANDLE
HIM!

CONSTABLE--
NO!!

ZORCH

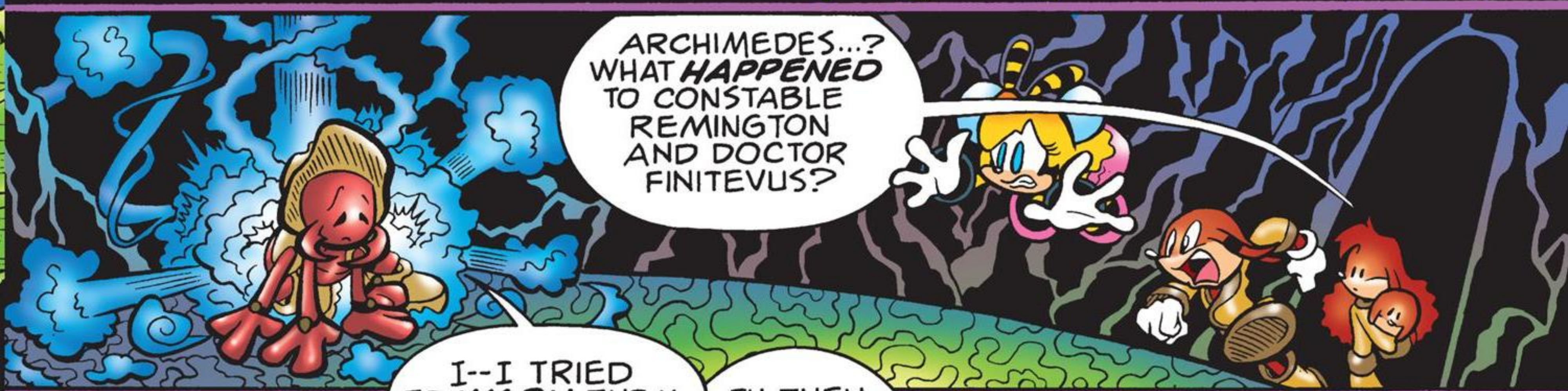
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TARGET:
?????

UNKNOWN
VARIABLE...?

NEXT?





ARCHIMEDES...?
WHAT **HAPPENED**
TO CONSTABLE
REMINGTON
AND DOCTOR
FINITEVUS?

I--I TRIED
TO **WARN** THEM,
LARA-LE...

TH-THEN
IT'S UP TO
US TO
MAKE SURE
THE MASTER
EMERALD...

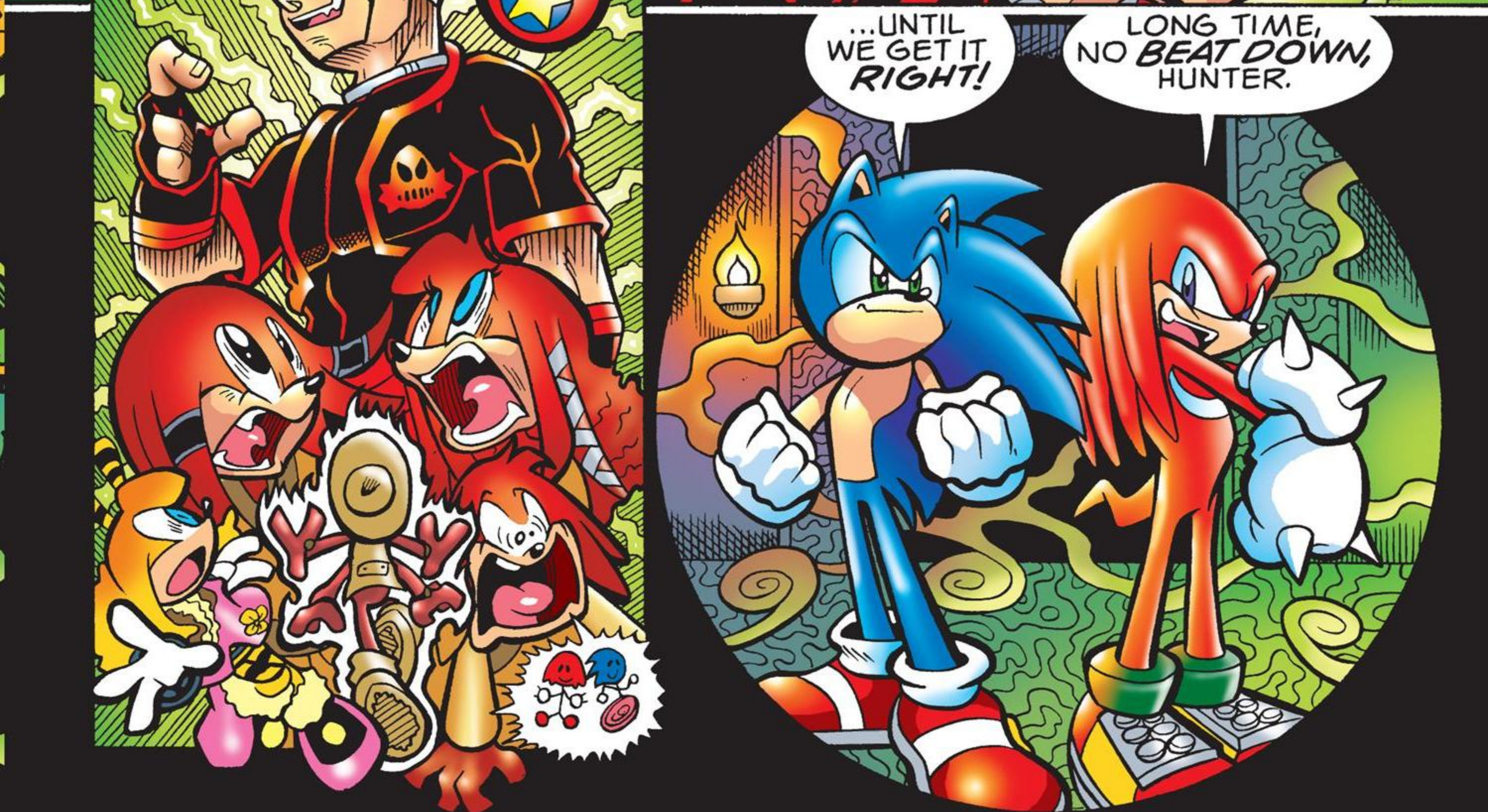


...DOESN'T
FALL
INTO THE
WRONG
HANDS!



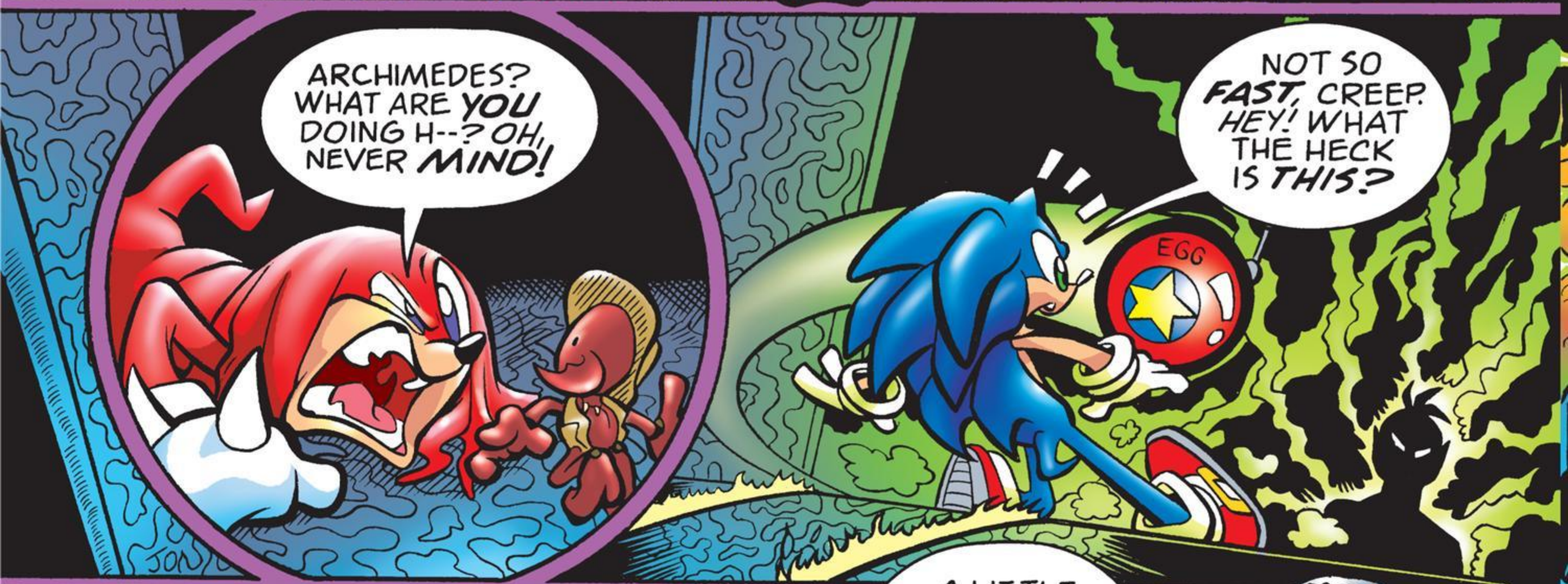
YOU CAN **TRY**...
BUT YOU **WON'T**
SUCCEED.

THEN I **GUESS**
WE'LL HAVE TO
KEEP
FIGHTING...



...UNTIL
WE GET IT
RIGHT!

LONG TIME,
NO **BEAT DOWN**,
HUNTER.



MEANWHILE...

WE'RE **BACK!**
HOW ARE YOU
FEELING, SIR?

DON'T
WORRY,
JULIE-SU. I'M
HOLDING UP
JUST...

...EDMUND'S
GHOST!

THE AVATAR
WILL SAVE
US! K

UH-OH, FOLKS!
DINGOES IN
THE HOUSE!

SATISFIED,
LOCKE? THE DARK
LEGION'S BASE OF
OPERATIONS HAS
BEEN DISCOVERED
BECAUSE OF THAT **STUPID**
MASTER EMERALD YOU
FOISTED UPON US!

JUST A SECOND,
"**SIS**"! NOBODY
FORCED YOU TO
ACCEPT THE
EMERALD, BUT YOU
DID ANYWAY! WANT
TO KNOW WHY?

BECAUSE
YOU WANTED
THE **POWER**
IT'D BRING
YOU!

NEVER
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BRING
MORE THAN
THAT, HUH?

BE **QUIET,**
YOU LITTLE--!

NO! EVER SINCE WE **ARRIVED** ON ANGEL ISLAND, ALL YOU'VE **DONE** IS THROWN IT IN OUR **FACES** THAT THE EMERALD HAD TO BE **ENTRUSTED** TO YOU, **MOCKED** KNUCKLES FOR **LOSING** HIS POWERS, AND **COMPLAINED** ABOUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES!

WELL, **STOP** COMPLAINING, LIEN-DA, AND IF YOU'RE **GOING** TO BE A REAL LEADER, GROW UP AND START **ACTING** LIKE ONE!



UHH... **LADIES?** AIN'T THERE A MESS O' **DINGOES** WE OUGHT TO BE SMACKIN' AROUND?

TOTALLY, VECTOR...

...BUT I'LL JUST **NEVER** UNDERSTAND WHAT HER **PROBLEM** IS!

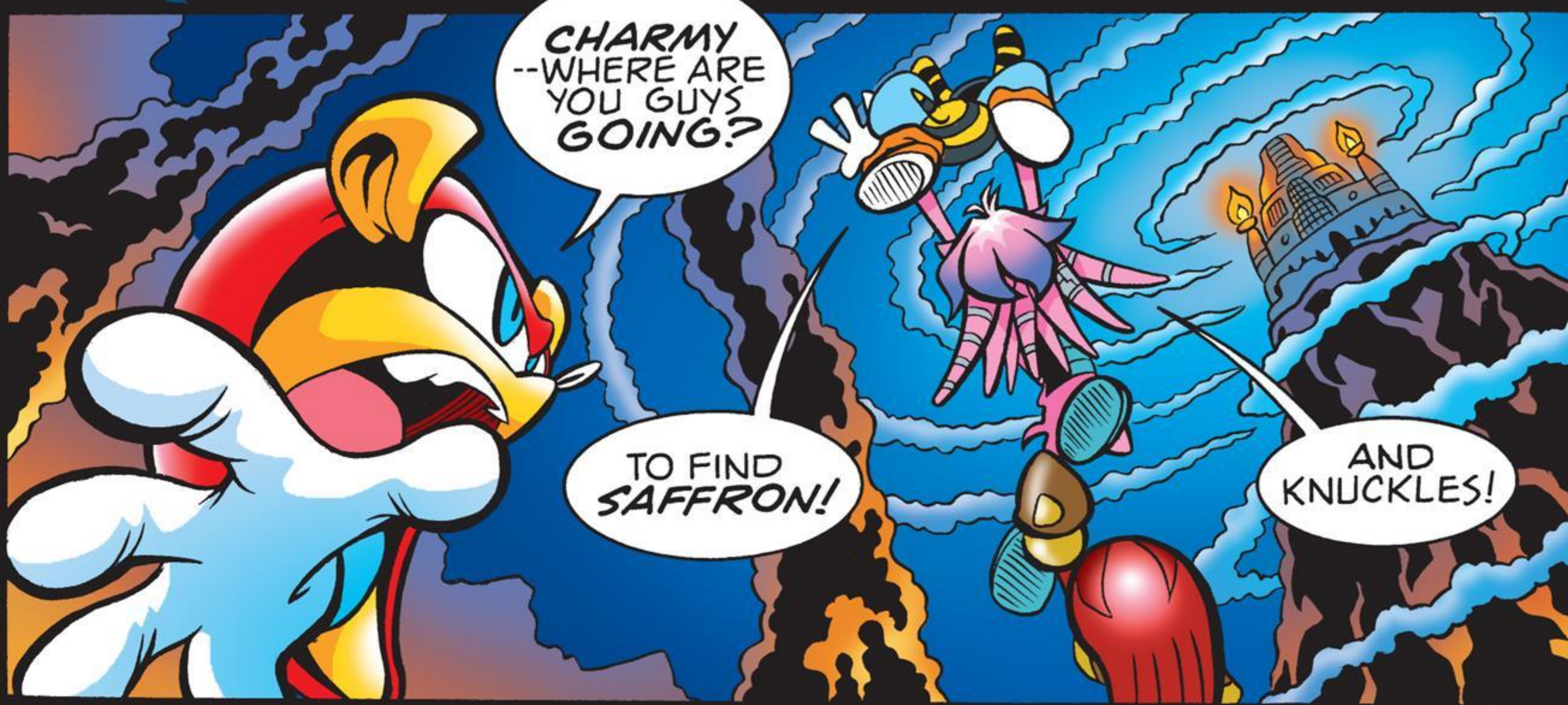


FATHER LOVED **YOU** MORE.

CHARMY --WHERE ARE YOU GUYS **GOING?**

TO FIND **SAFFRON!**

AND **KNUCKLES!**





RETRIEVE.

KNUCKLES?
SAY SOME-
THING, SON!

M-MOM
...?



BAH. YOU USED
TO *BE* SOME-
THING, ECHIDNA.
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU? WHO
CARES?

IT'S TIME
I *COLLECTED*
MY TROPHY!



WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO HIM, WYN?

I DON'T
KNOW,
LARA,
BUT WE'D
BETTER
STAND
BACK!

KRK KLLL

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME!

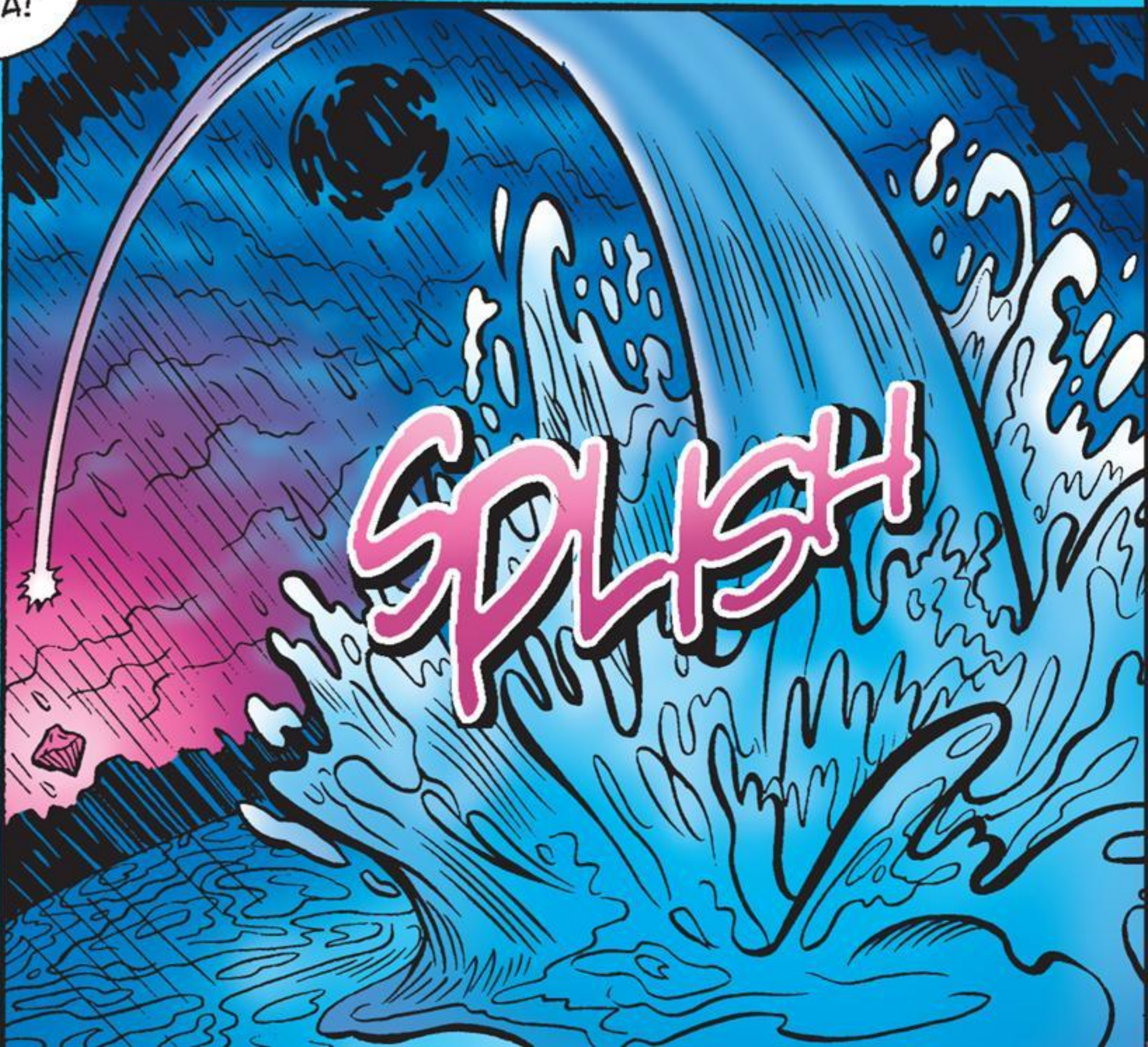
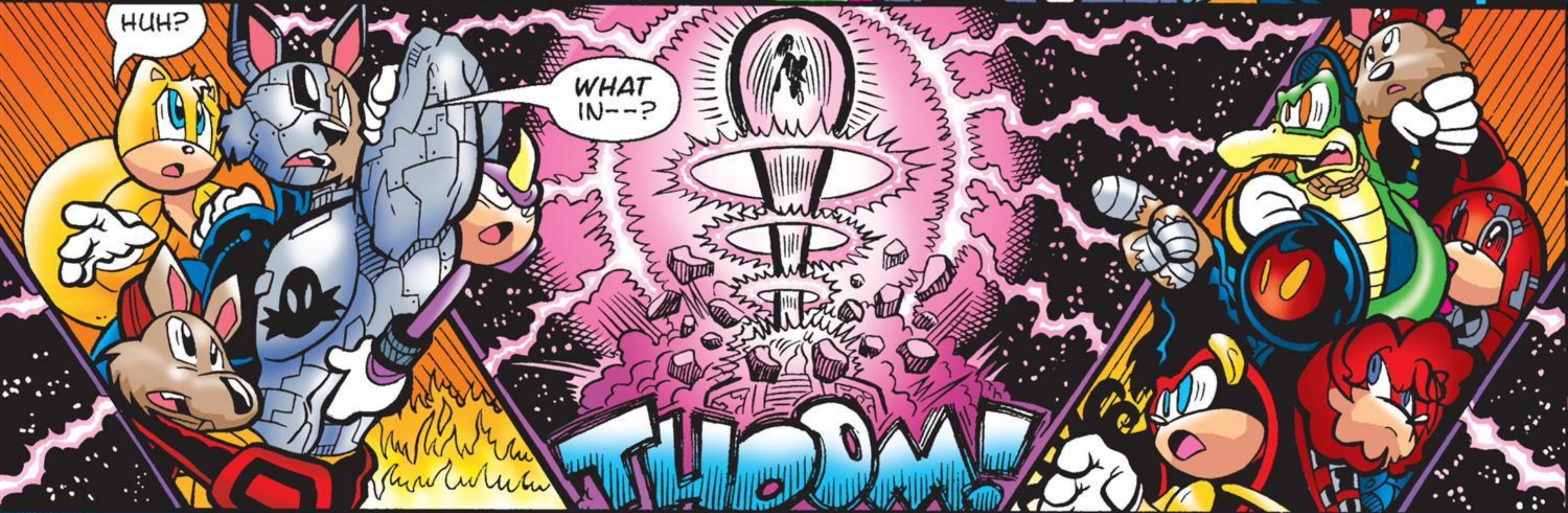


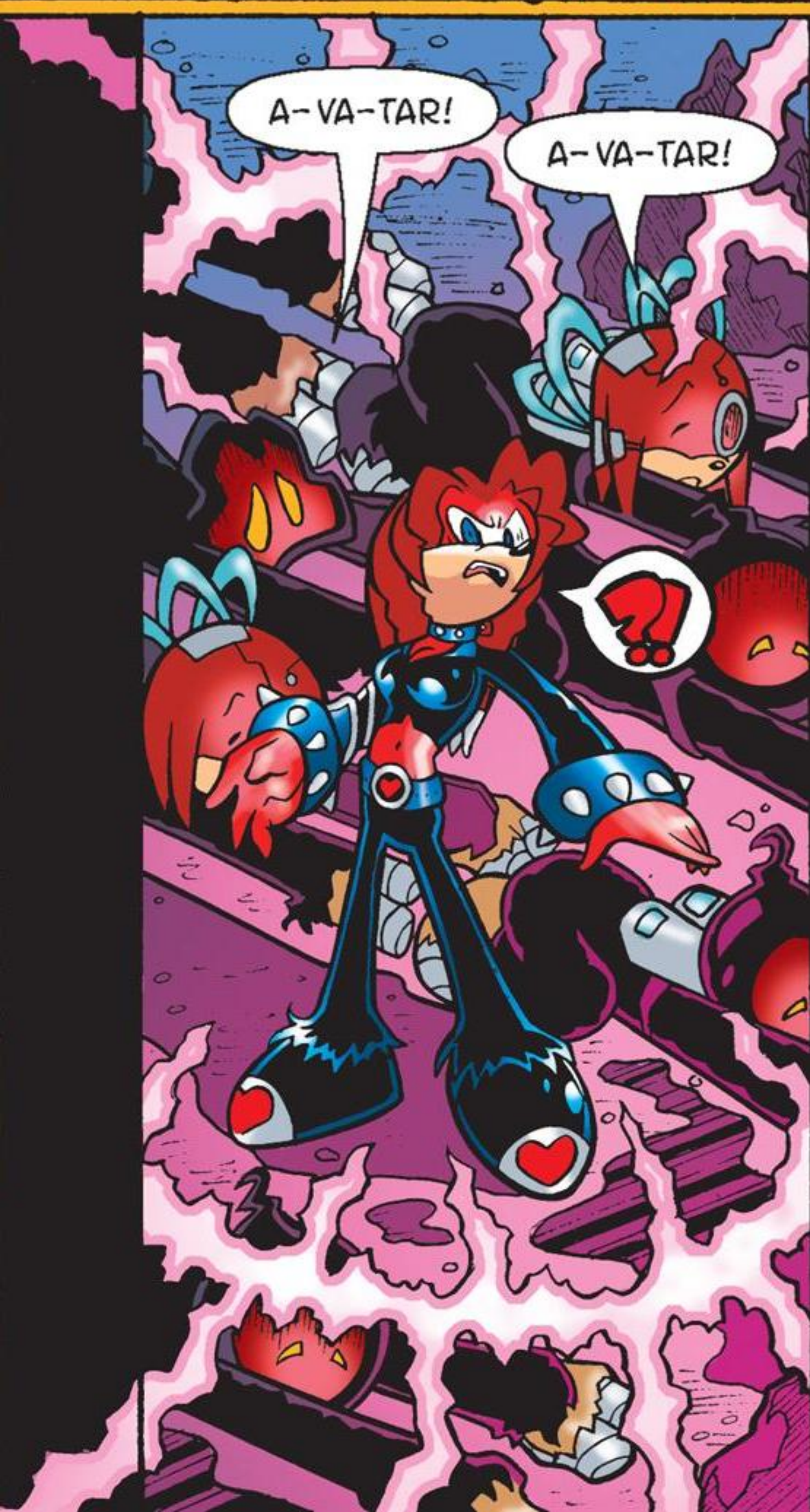
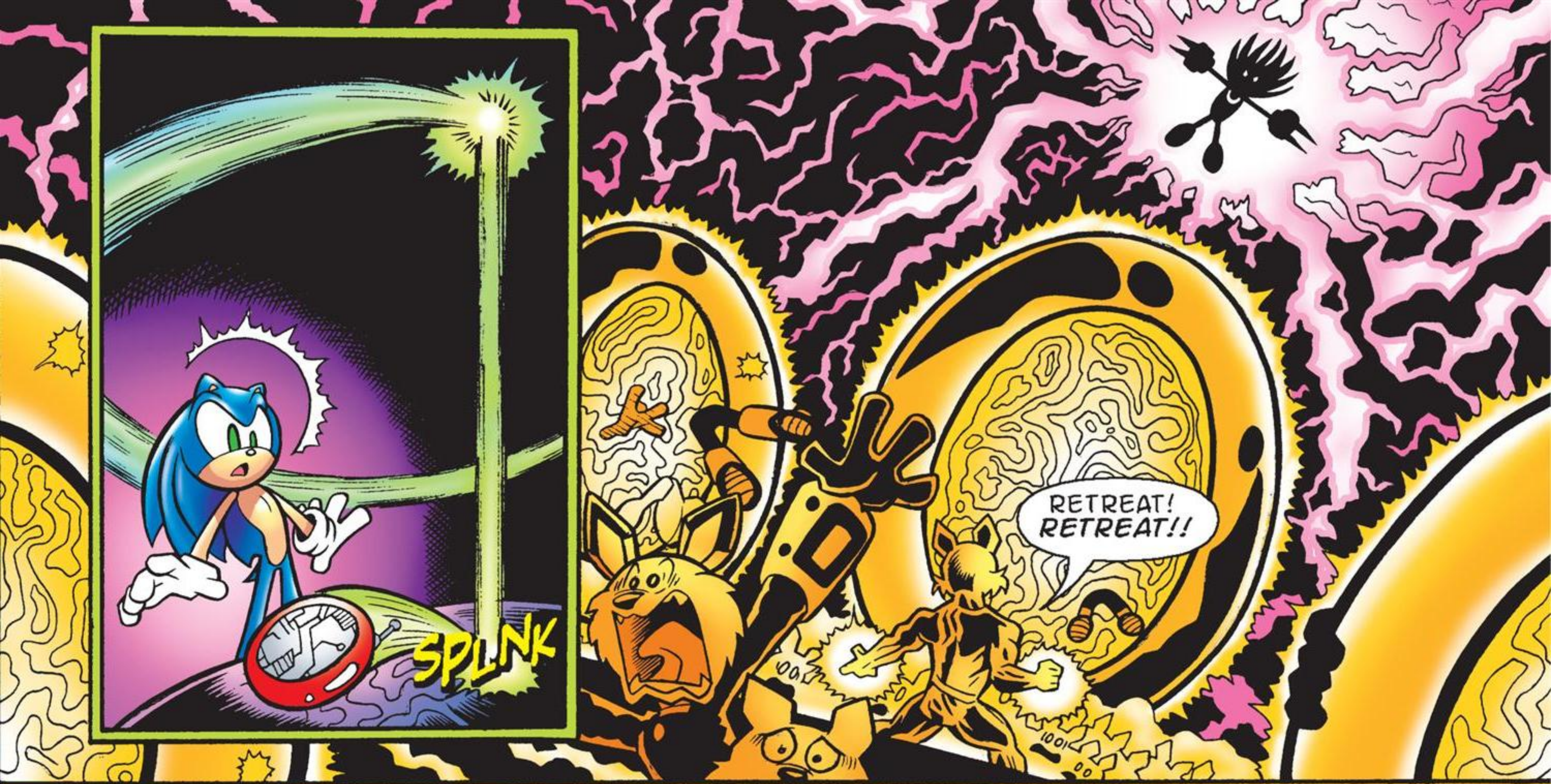


I GOTTA
ADMIT...
I WASN'T
EXPECTING
THAT TO
HAPPEN!

JUG E W









MY CHAOS
POWERS HAVE
RETURNED!
YES!

DAD!
ARCHIMEDES!
HOW IS THIS
POSSIBLE?

YOUR
POWERS NEVER
LEFT, LAD. THEY'VE
LAIN DORMANT
SINCE YOU
RETURNED FROM
THE AFTERLIFE.*

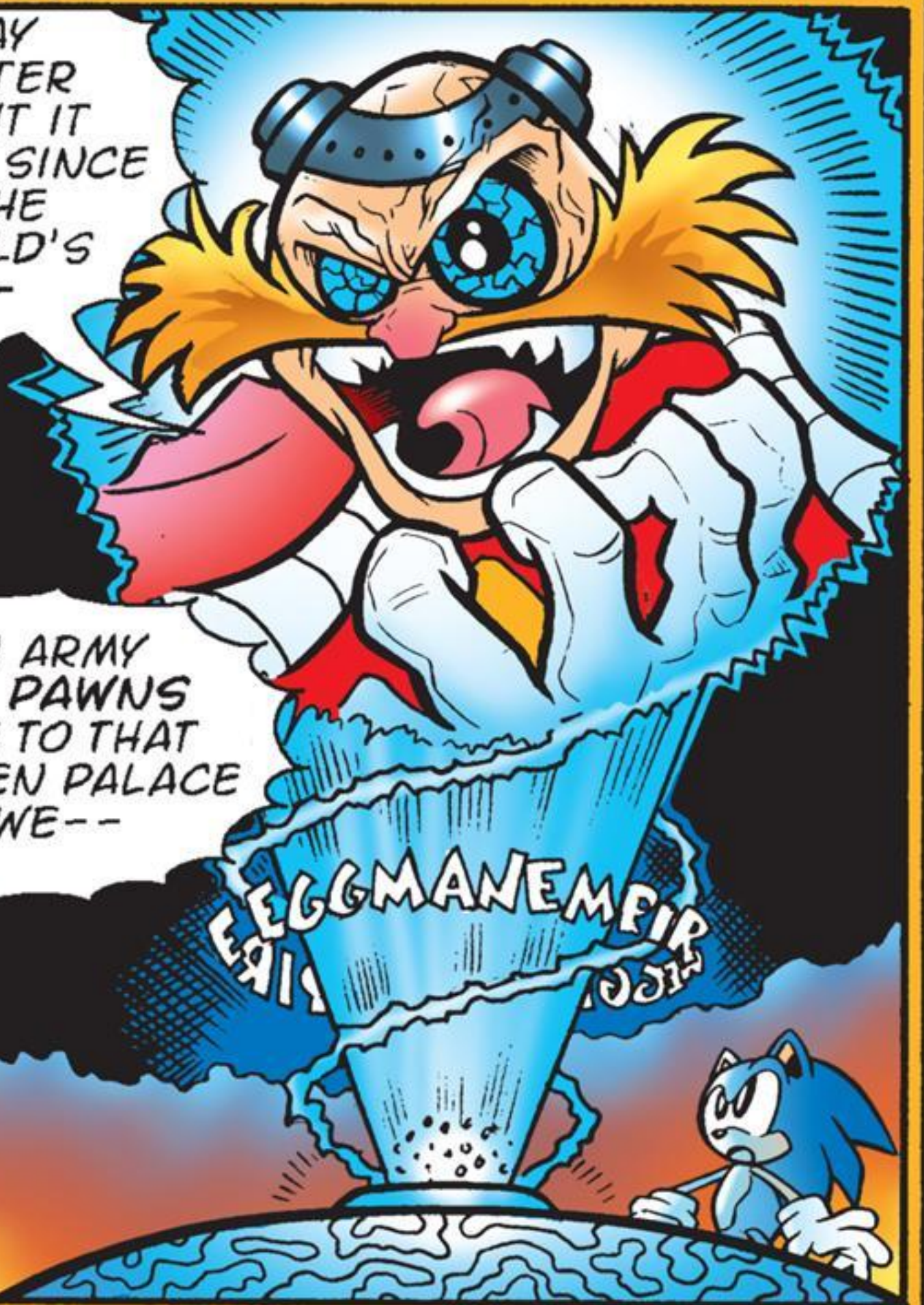
*SEE ISSUE #125.



YOU HADN'T
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH
THE MASTER EMERALD
DURING THAT TIME. WE
SUSPECT THAT CONTACT
WITH IT WAS ALL THAT
WAS NECESSARY TO
REAWAKEN THEM.

KNUCKLES MAY
BE A HEAVY HITTER
ONCE MORE, BUT IT
DOESN'T MATTER SINCE
I NOW HAVE THE
MASTER EMERALD'S
LOCATION--

--AND AN ARMY
OF MY EGG PAWNS
IS EN ROUTE TO THAT
NOT-SO HIDDEN PALACE
EVEN AS WE--



AAAH
SHADDAP!

WE'VE GOT TO MOVE THE
MASTER EMERALD TO A NEW
HIDING PLACE!

AGREED!





WHERE'S CONSTABLE REMINGTON?



BOTH HE AND DOCTOR FINITEVUS WERE AMONG THE CASUALTIES OF HUNTER'S CHAOS SPEAR I'M SORRY, KNUCKLES.

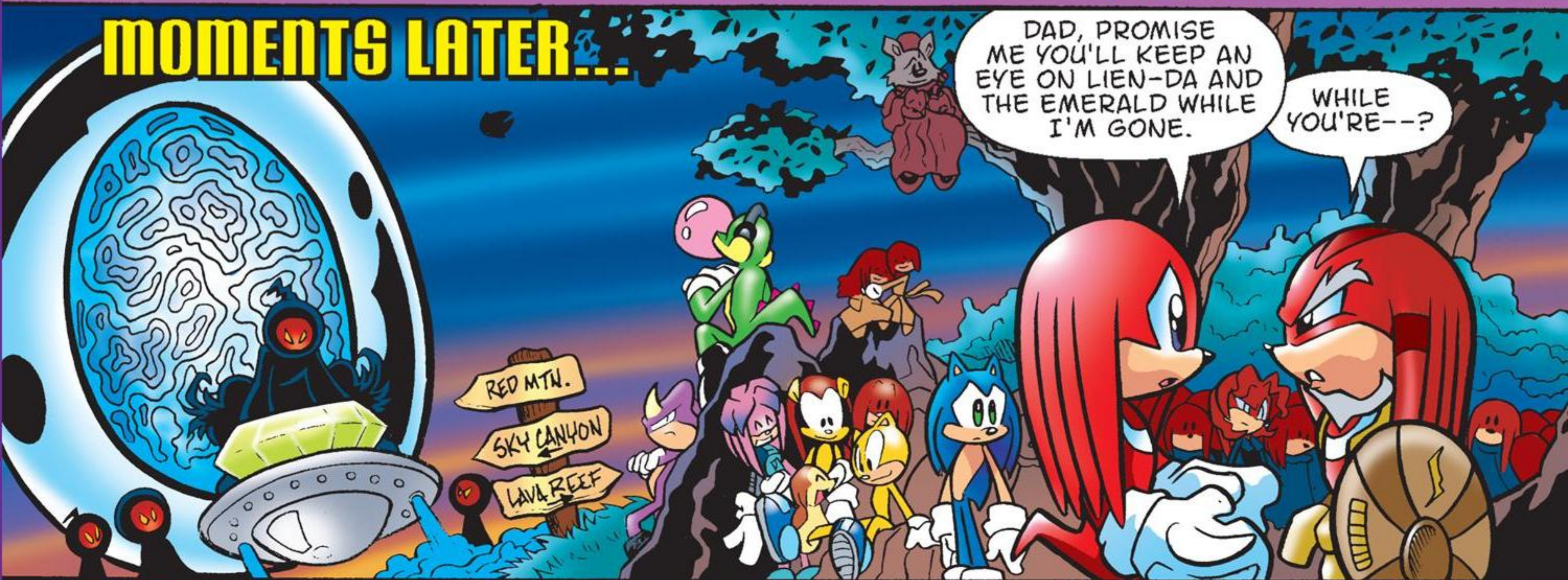


REMMY...

THERE'S NO TIME TO MOURN FRIENDS...



...OR FAMILY.



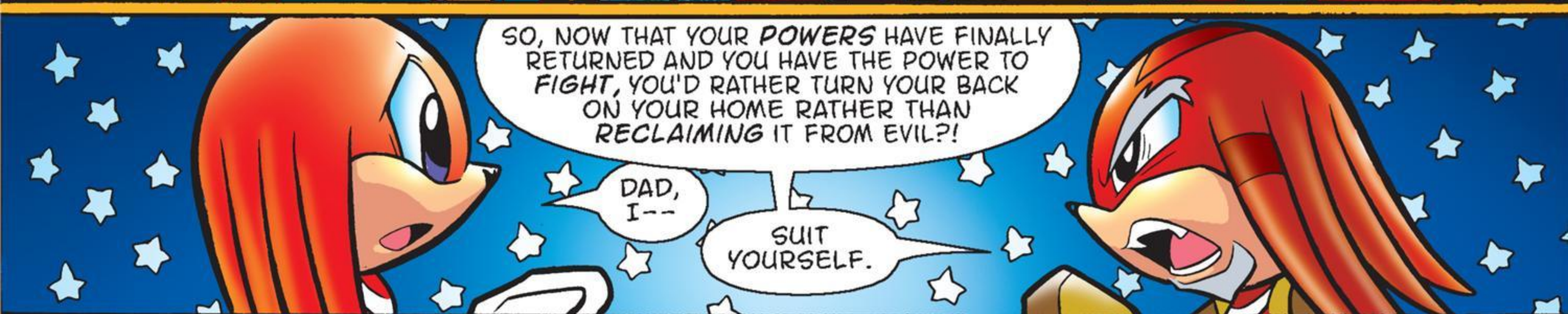
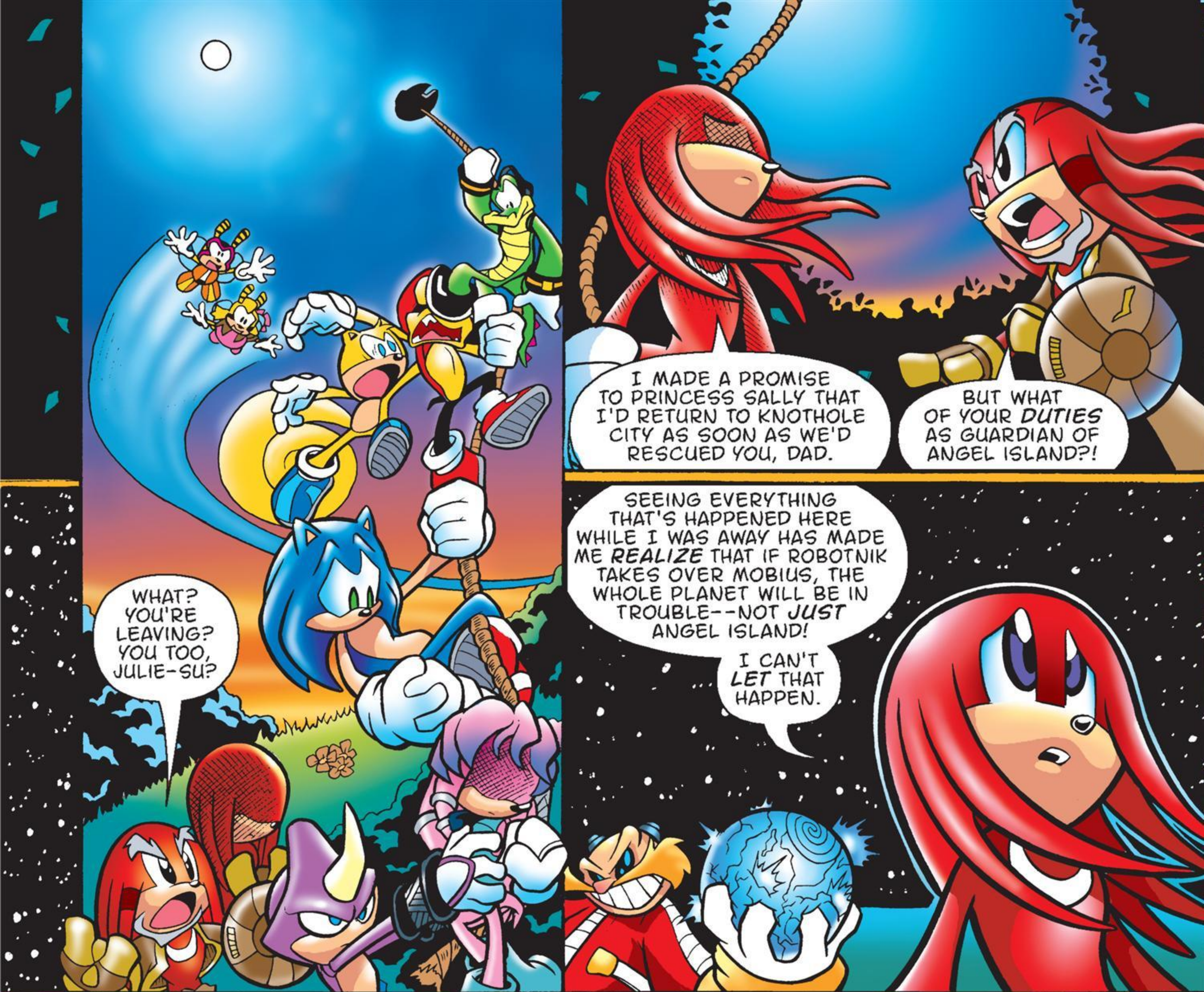
MOMENTS LATER...

DAD, PROMISE ME YOU'LL KEEP AN EYE ON LIEN-DA AND THE EMERALD WHILE I'M GONE.

WHILE YOU'RE--?



YO, KNUX! THERE'S OUR RIDE!



NEW MEGACAPOLIS— CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE



SONIC AND
KNUCKLES MAY HAVE
THWARTED MY PLAN TO
STEAL THE MASTER EMERALD,
BUT THE DAY HASN'T BEEN A
COMPLETE WASH, M...

Diagram of various subjects being processed in circular chambers, each with a label:

- SUBJECT: SIMON
- SUBJECT: CHAMELEON
- SUBJECT: LEGIONNAIR
- TOXIC DRAIN 85% ~~100%~~
- SUBJECT: ECHIDNA
- SUBJECT: RYKOR
- ENERGY DRAIN 79% ~~100%~~
- SUBJECT: KANEWISHER
- TOXIC WASH
- SUBJECT: BIMMY
- EGG GRAPE #768
- SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF ANTS

...NO, IT
HASN'T BEEN A
COMPLETE WASH
AT ALL!



Diagram of various subjects being processed in circular chambers, each with a label:

- ENERGY DRAIN 87% ~~100%~~
- MIND ERASER 99% ~~100%~~
- SUBJECT: XENIN
- TOXIC INFUSION 55% ~~100%~~
- ENERGY DRAIN 72% ~~100%~~
- MIND ERASER 55% ~~100%~~
- SUBJECT: REMINGTON



SUG'OH
Thanks
Guys!

THE END... FOR NOW

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THE ECHIDNA SCIENTIST, COBAR, AND HIS LONG-TIME COLLABORATOR, ROTOR, A SCIENTIST OF EQUAL REPUTE... AND AN EMISSARY OF THE KINGDOM OF ACORN... RECENTLY DISCOVERED SOMETHING AMISS WITH THE WEATHER PATTERNS OF THEIR HOME WORLD, MOBILIS.

WORKING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF COBAR'S LAB IN THE CITY OF PORTAL... LOCATED ON ANGEL ISLAND... THEY EXAMINE THE RESULTS OF THEIR LATEST EFFORTS...

OH, THIS ISN'T GOOD!
THIS ISN'T GOOD AT ALL!

ON THE MARK,
WHICH MEANS--

MY CALCULATIONS WERE CORRECT, THEN, WEREN'T THEY?

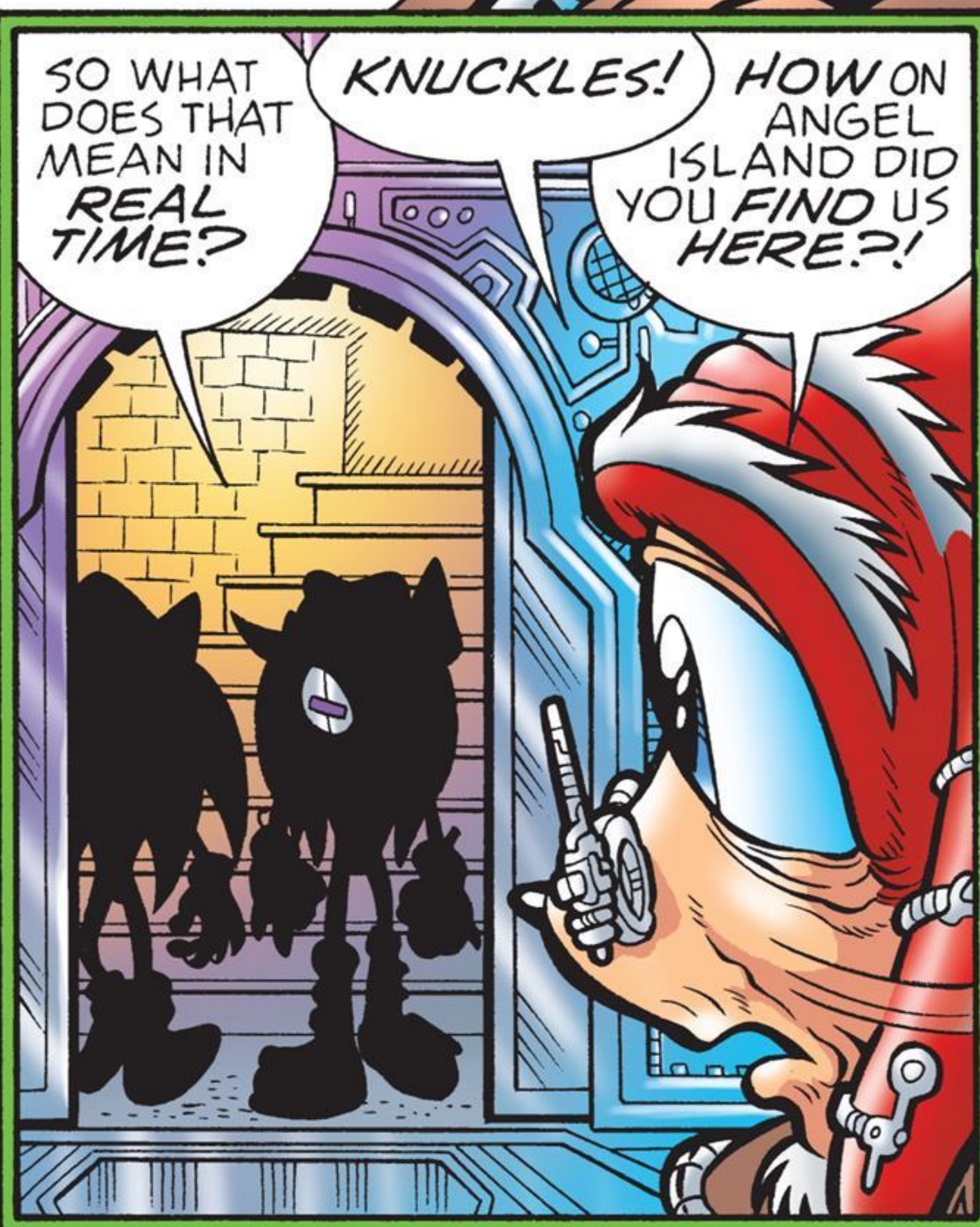
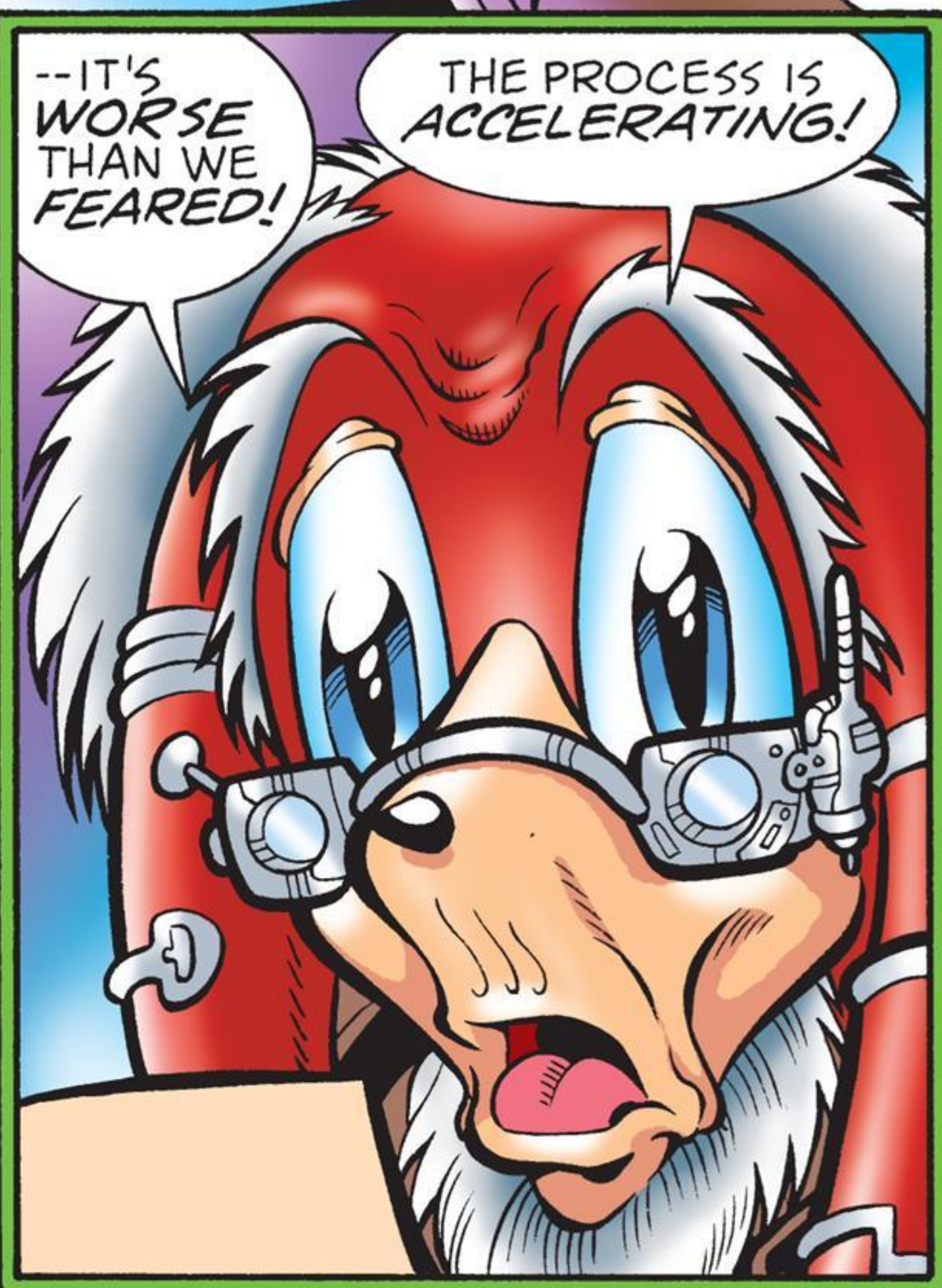
--IT'S WORSE THAN WE FEARED!

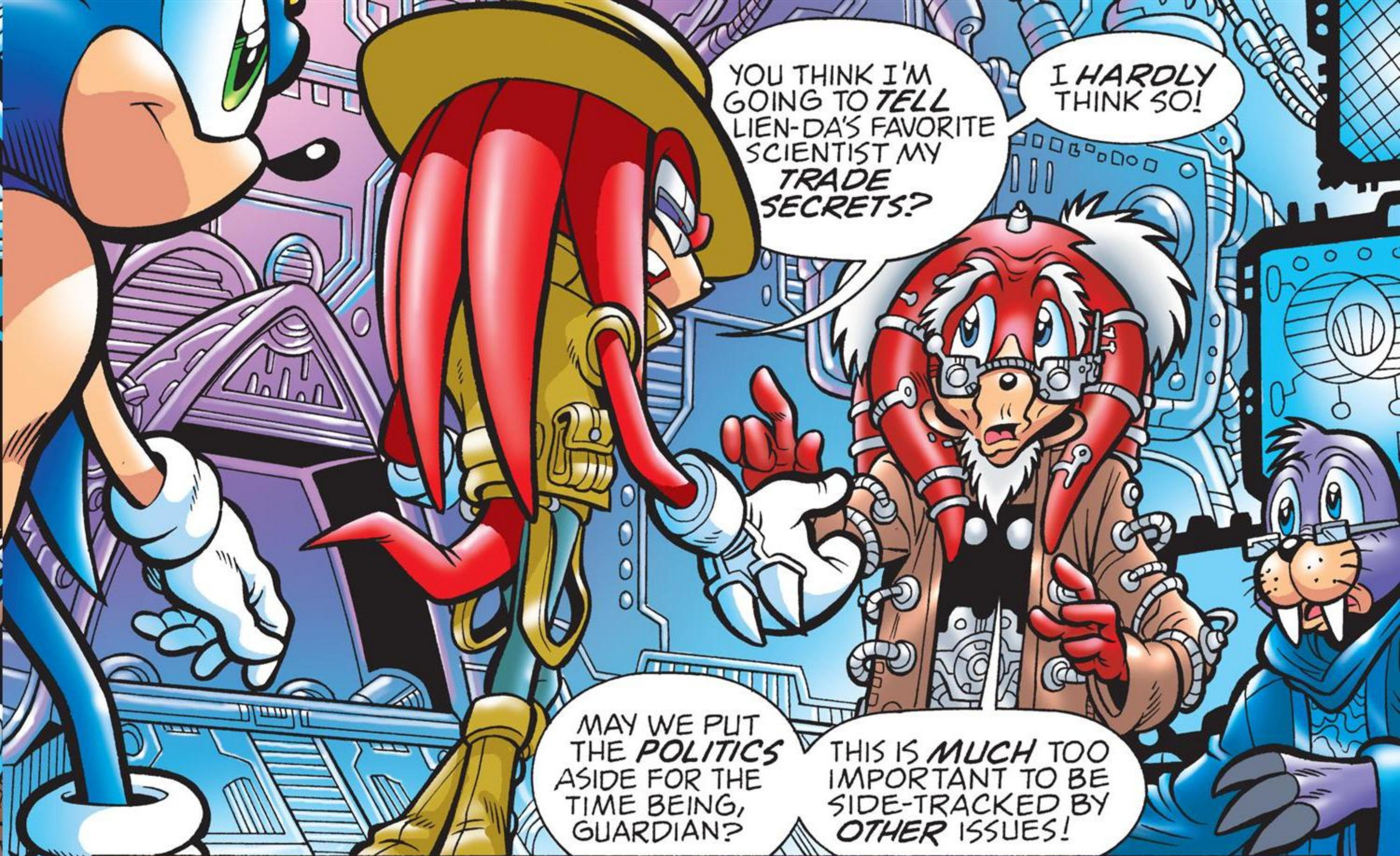
THE PROCESS IS ACCELERATING!

SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IN REAL TIME?

KNUCKLES!

HOW ON ANGEL ISLAND DID YOU FIND US HERE?!



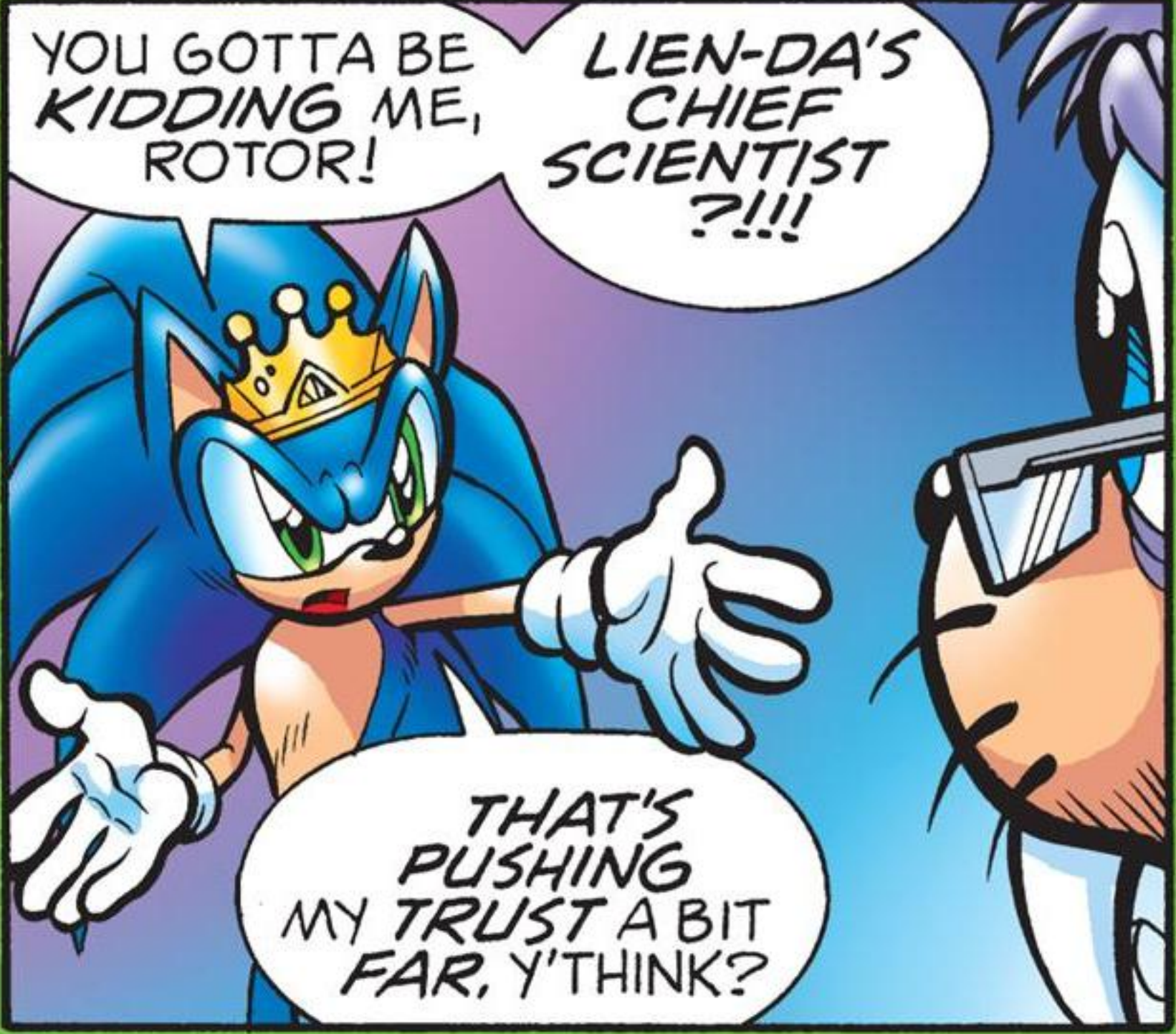


YOU THINK I'M GOING TO *TELL* LIEN-DA'S FAVORITE SCIENTIST MY *TRADE SECRETS*?

I *HARDLY* THINK SO!

MAY WE PUT THE *POLITICS* ASIDE FOR THE TIME BEING, GUARDIAN?

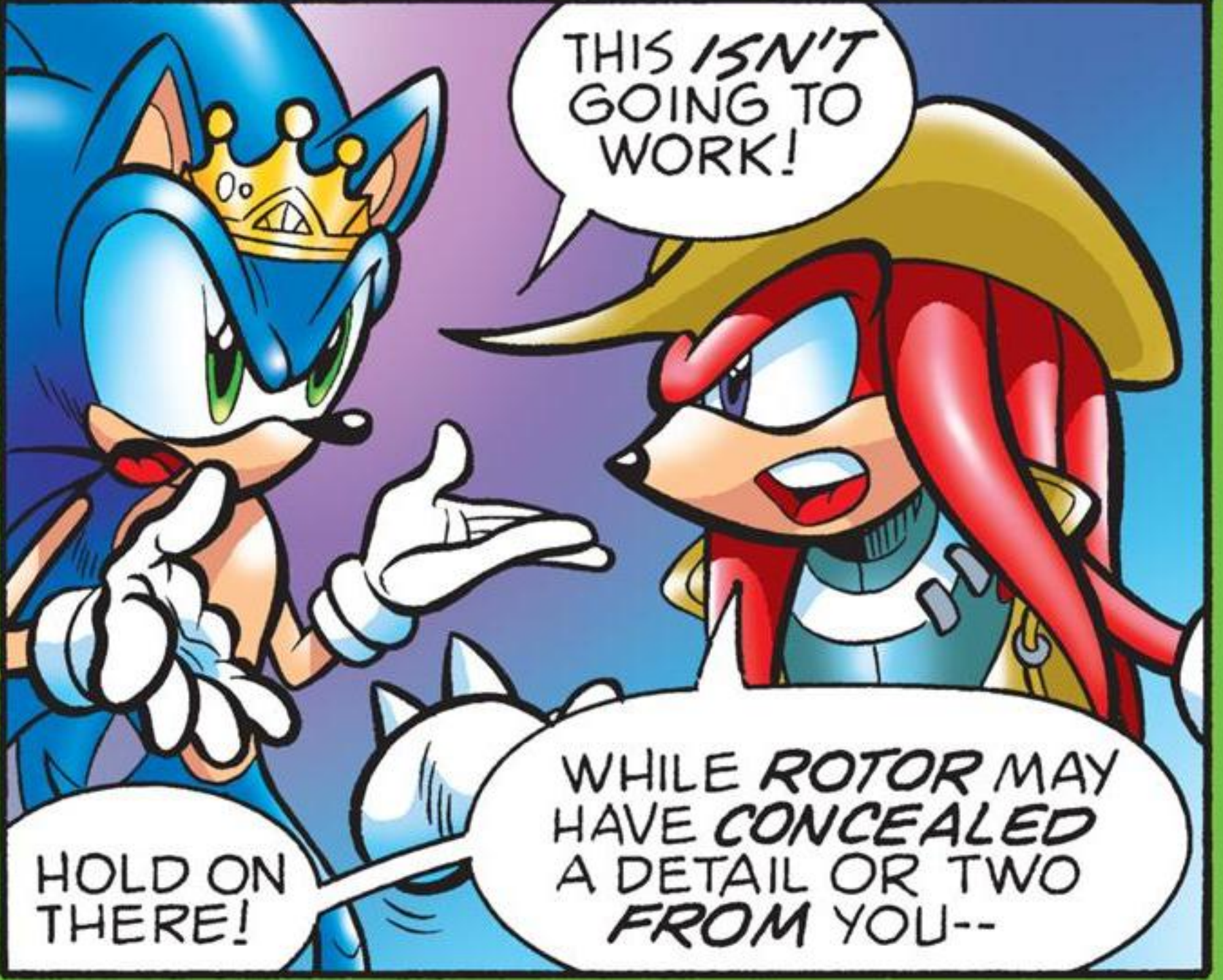
THIS IS *MUCH* TOO IMPORTANT TO BE SIDE-TRACKED BY *OTHER* ISSUES!



YOU GOTTA BE *KIDDING* ME, ROTOR!

LIEN-DA'S CHIEF SCIENTIST *?!!!*

THAT'S *PUSHING* MY *TRUST* A BIT *FAR*, Y'THINK?



THIS *ISN'T* GOING TO WORK!

HOLD ON THERE!

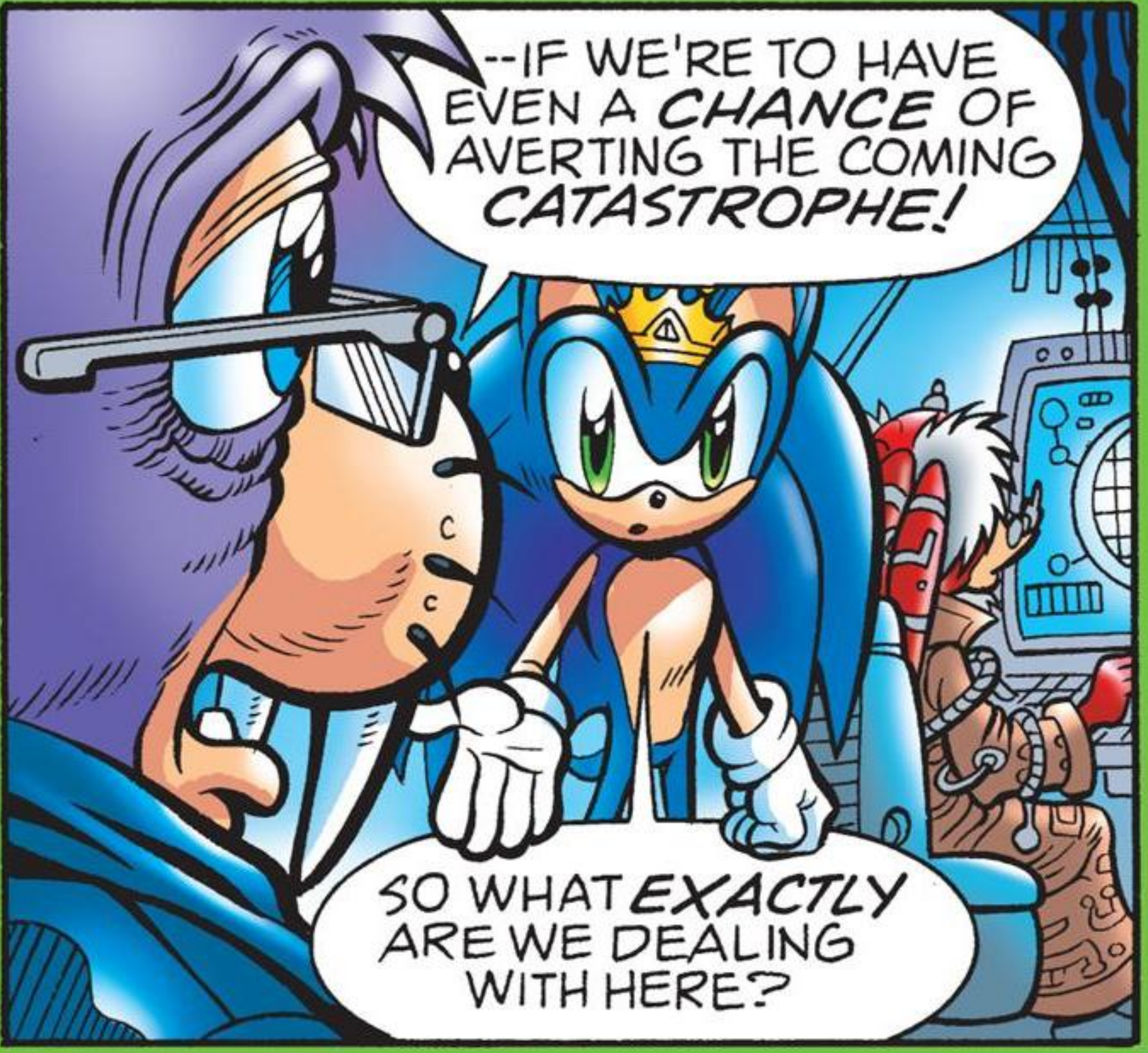
WHILE *ROTOR* MAY HAVE *CONCEALED* A DETAIL OR TWO *FROM* YOU--



--THAT *DOESN'T* ALTER THE *MAIN* REASON WE'RE HERE!

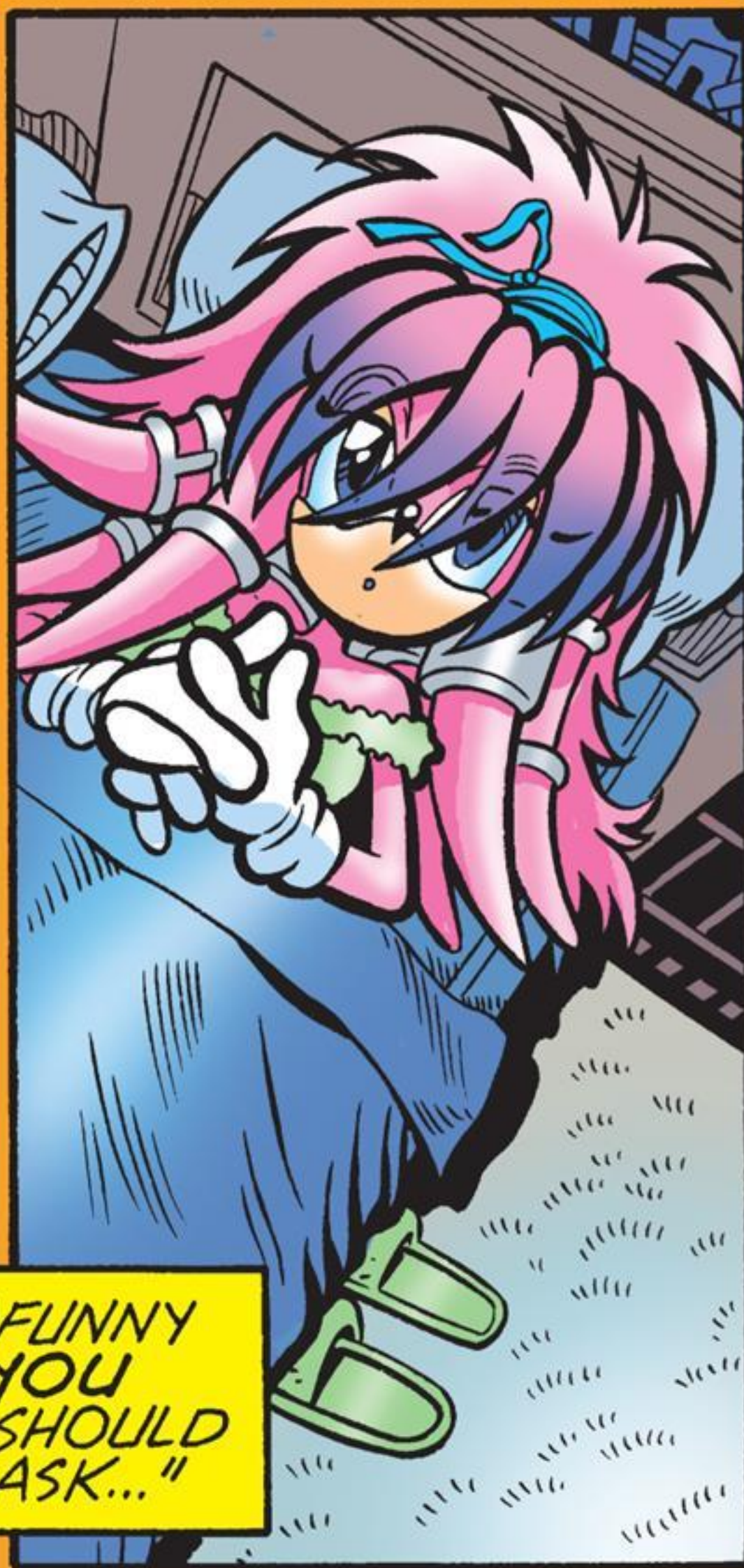
KNUCKLES IS *CORRECT*, SIRE!

TIME IS OF THE *ESSENCE*--



--IF WE'RE TO HAVE EVEN A *CHANCE* OF AVERTING THE COMING *CATASTROPHE*!

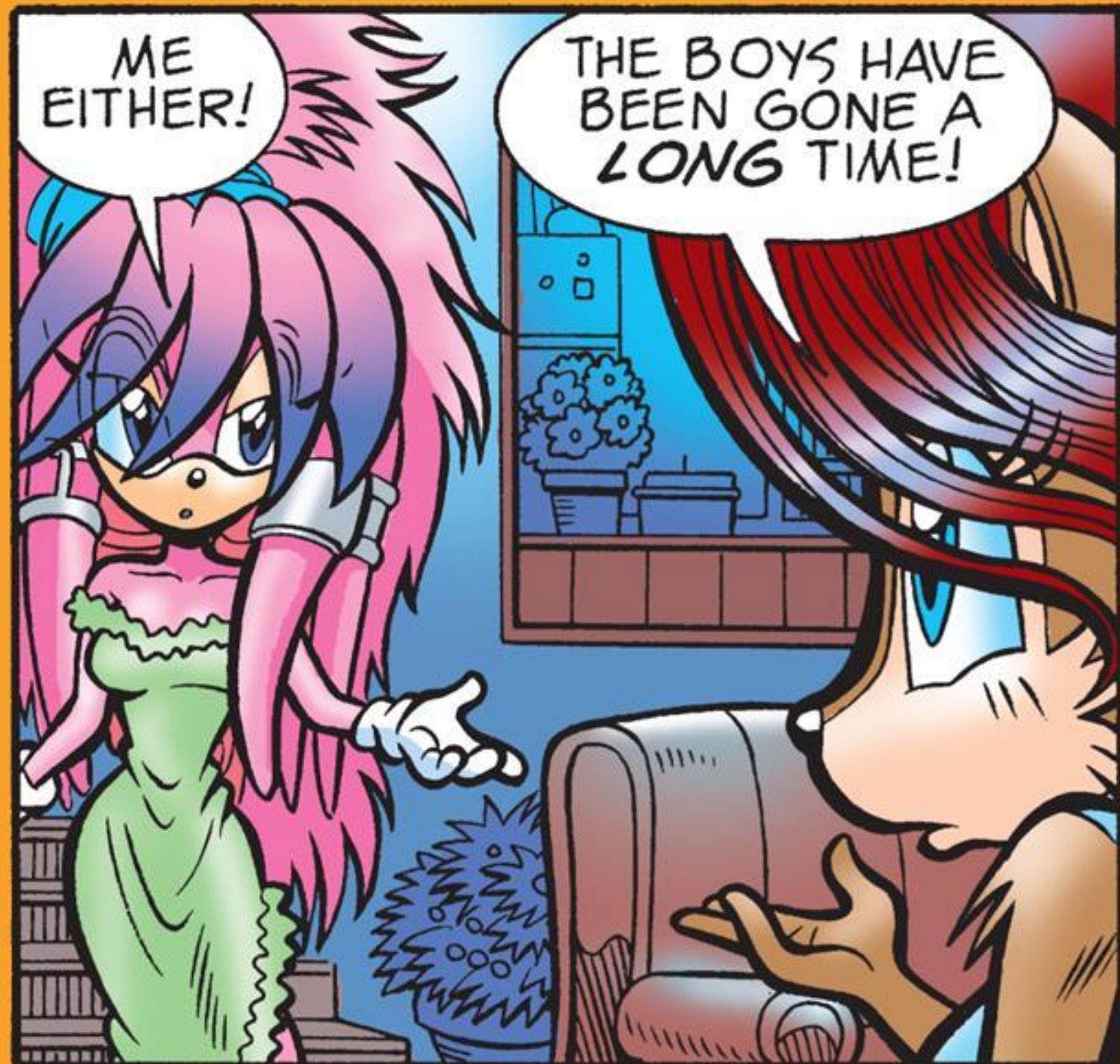
SO WHAT *EXACTLY* ARE WE DEALING WITH HERE?



"FUNNY
YOU
SHOULD
ASK..."

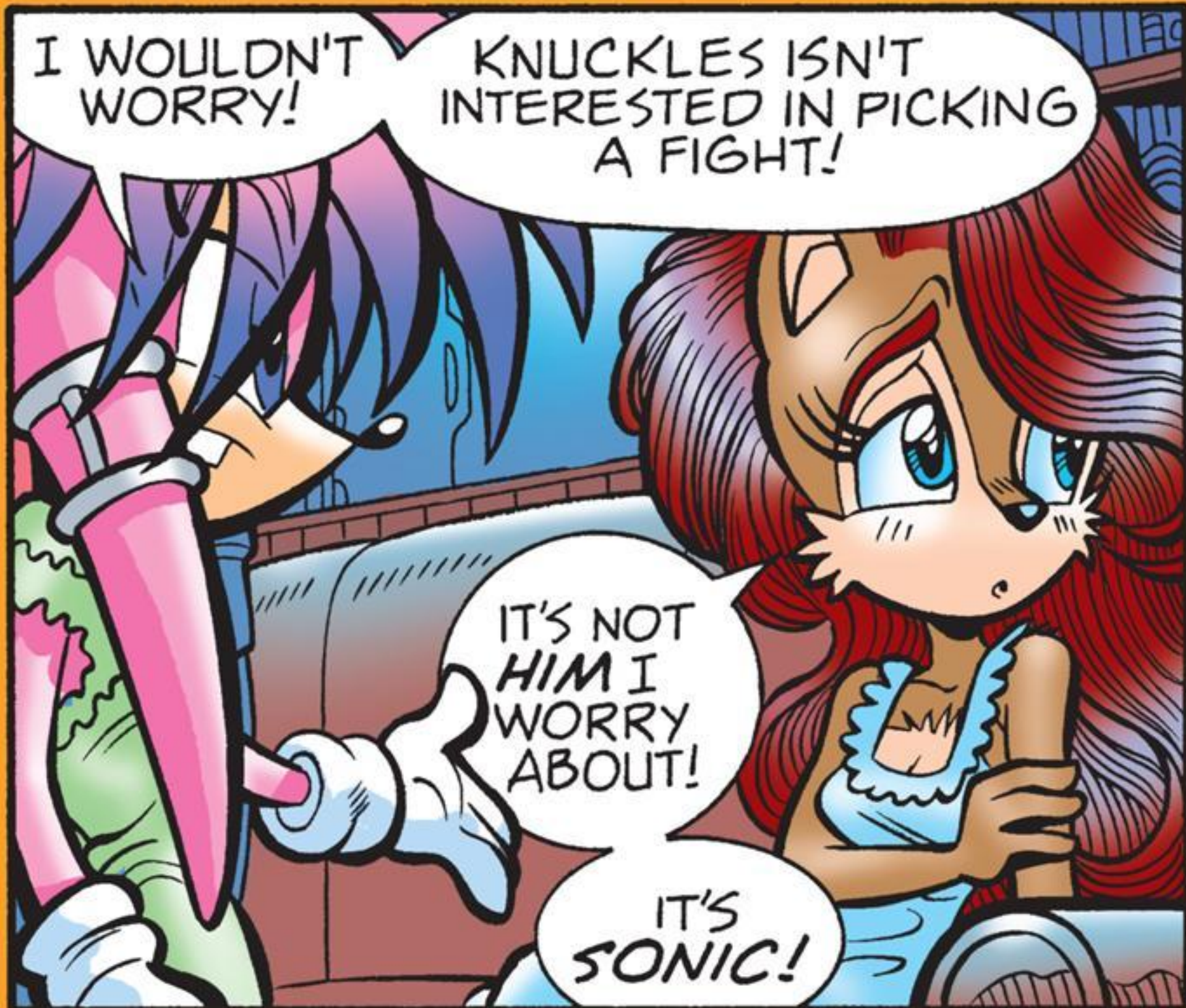


HI!
I
COULDN'T
SLEEP!



ME
EITHER!

THE BOYS HAVE
BEEN GONE A
LONG TIME!



I WOULDN'T
WORRY!

KNUCKLES ISN'T
INTERESTED IN PICKING
A FIGHT!

IT'S NOT
HIM I
WORRY
ABOUT!

IT'S
SONIC!

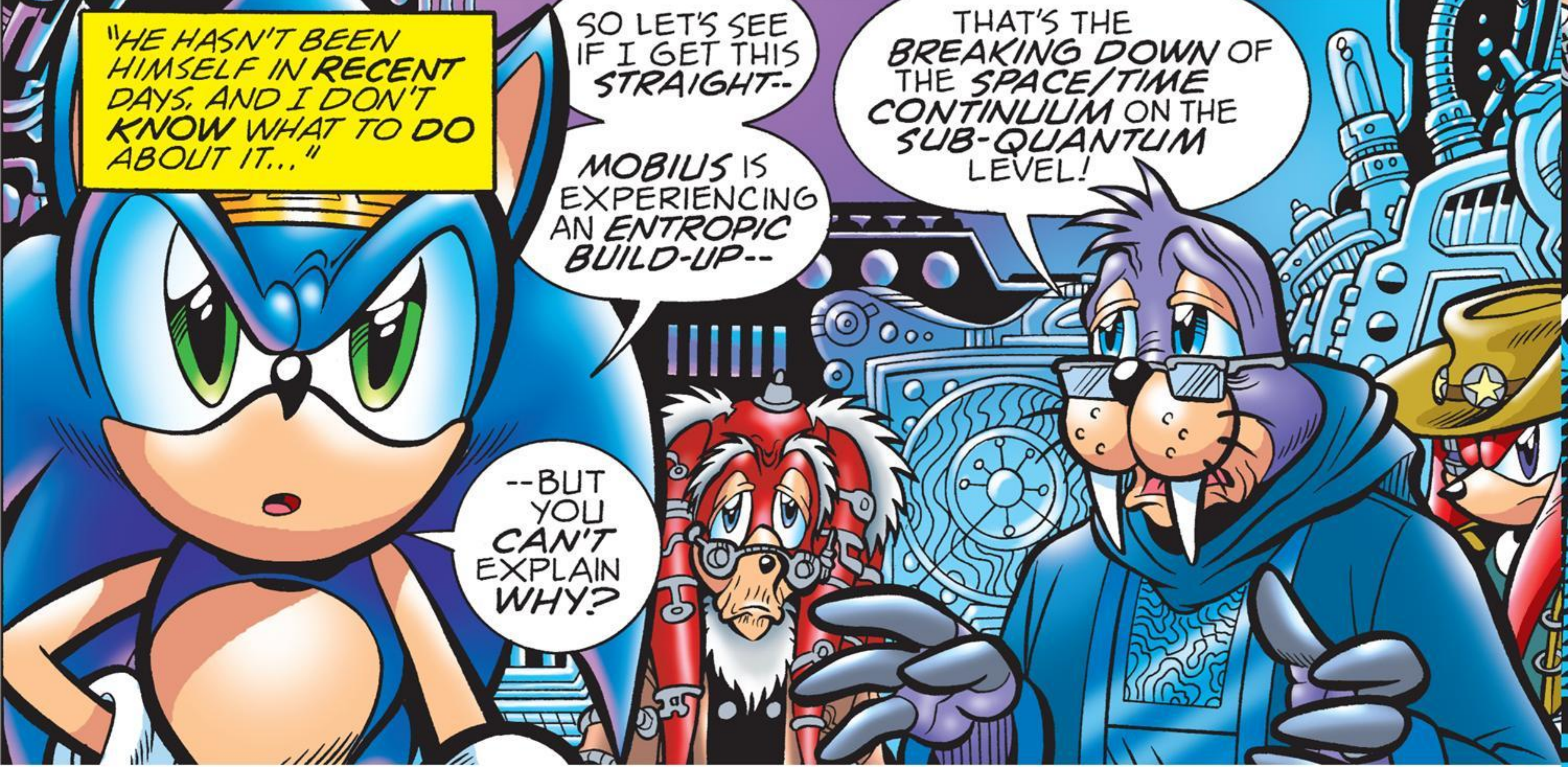
"HE HASN'T BEEN
HIMSELF IN RECENT
DAYS, AND I DON'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO
ABOUT IT..."

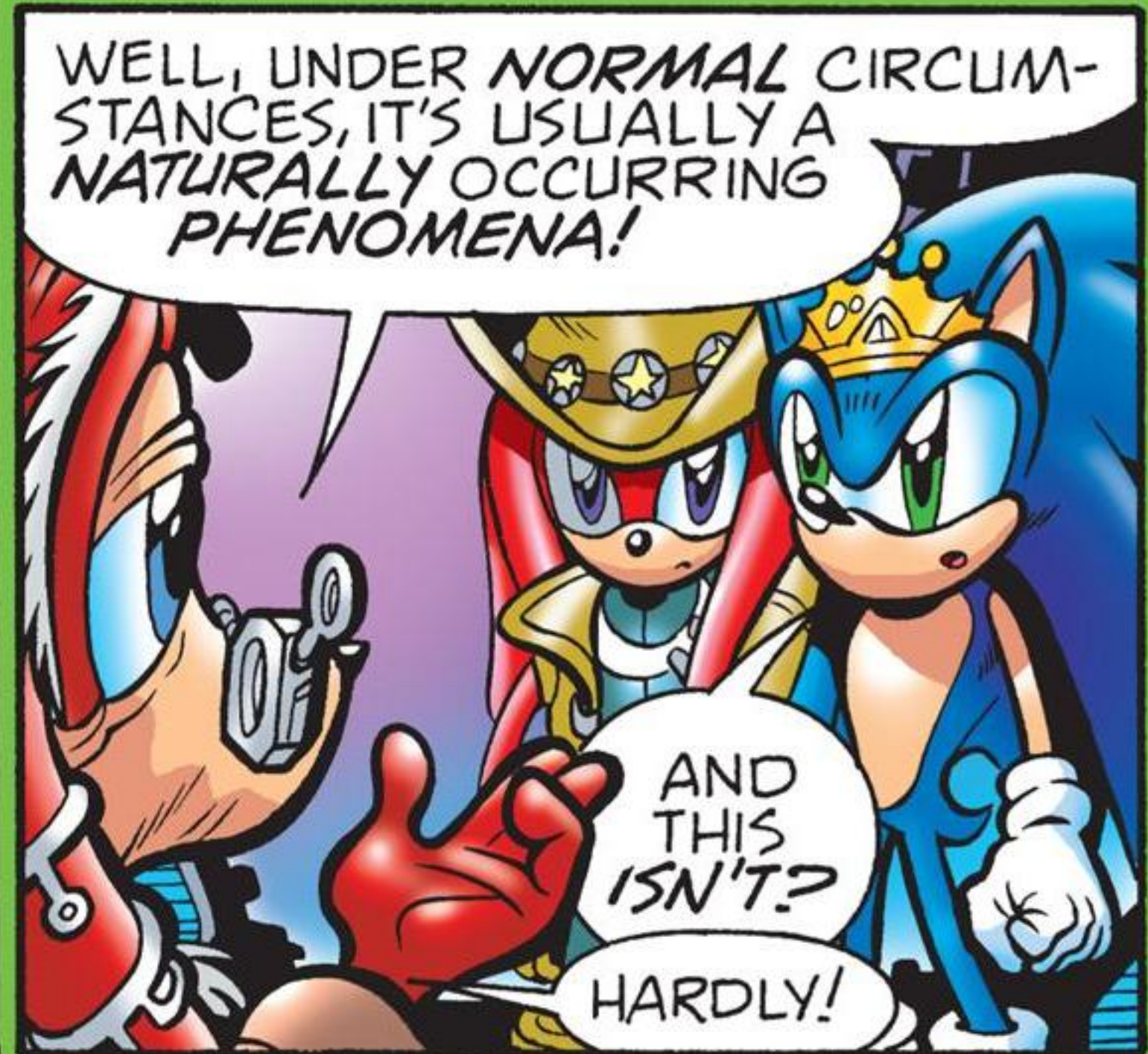
SO LET'S SEE
IF I GET THIS
STRAIGHT--

MOBIUS IS
EXPERIENCING
AN ENTROPIC
BUILD-UP--

THAT'S THE
BREAKING DOWN OF
THE SPACE/TIME
CONTINUUM ON THE
SUB-QUANTUM
LEVEL!

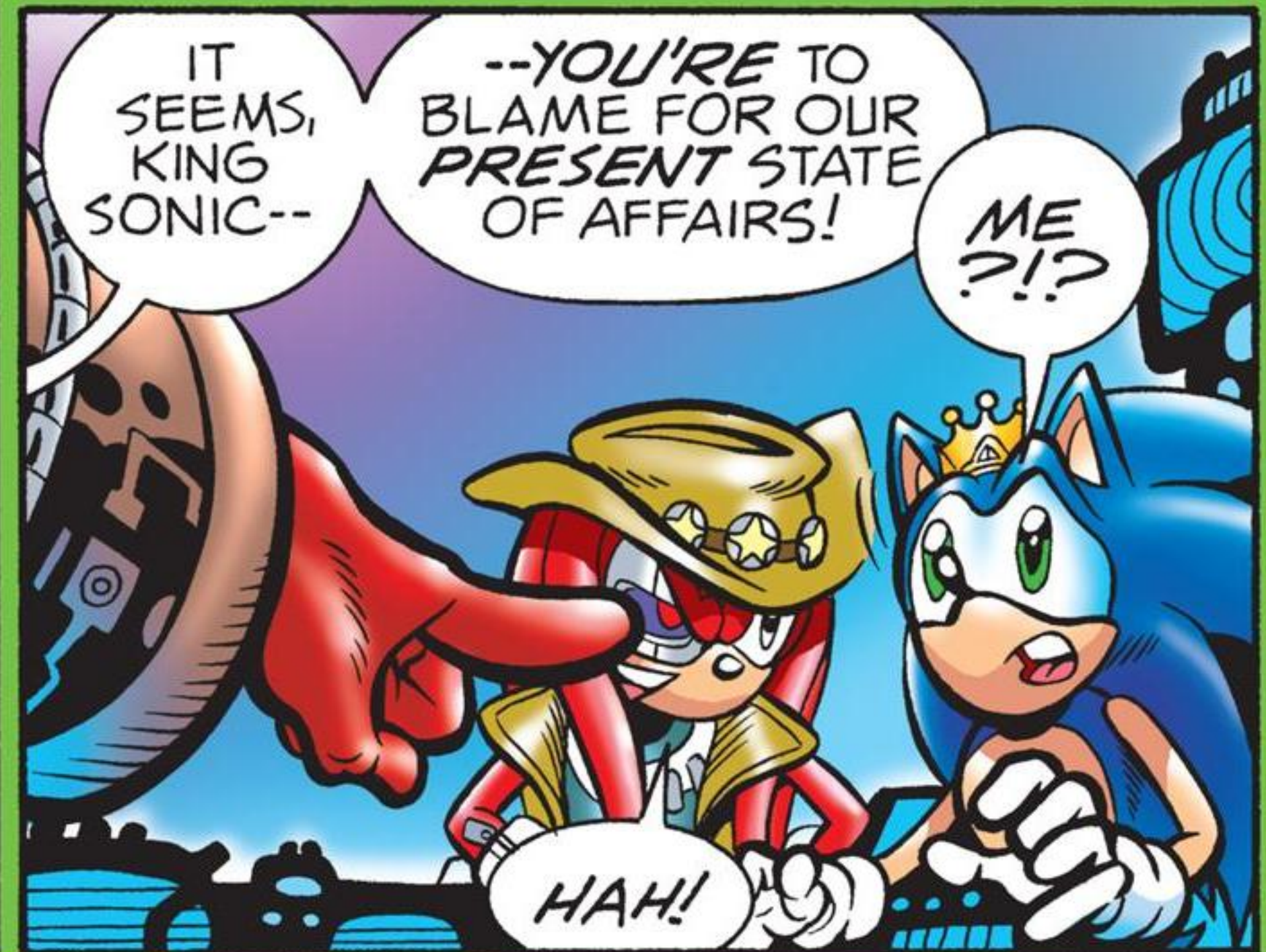
--BUT
YOU
CAN'T
EXPLAIN
WHY?





WELL, UNDER **NORMAL** CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S USUALLY A **NATURALLY OCCURRING PHENOMENA!**

AND THIS ISN'T?
HARDLY!



IT SEEMS, KING SONIC--

--YOU'RE TO BLAME FOR OUR **PRESENT** STATE OF AFFAIRS!

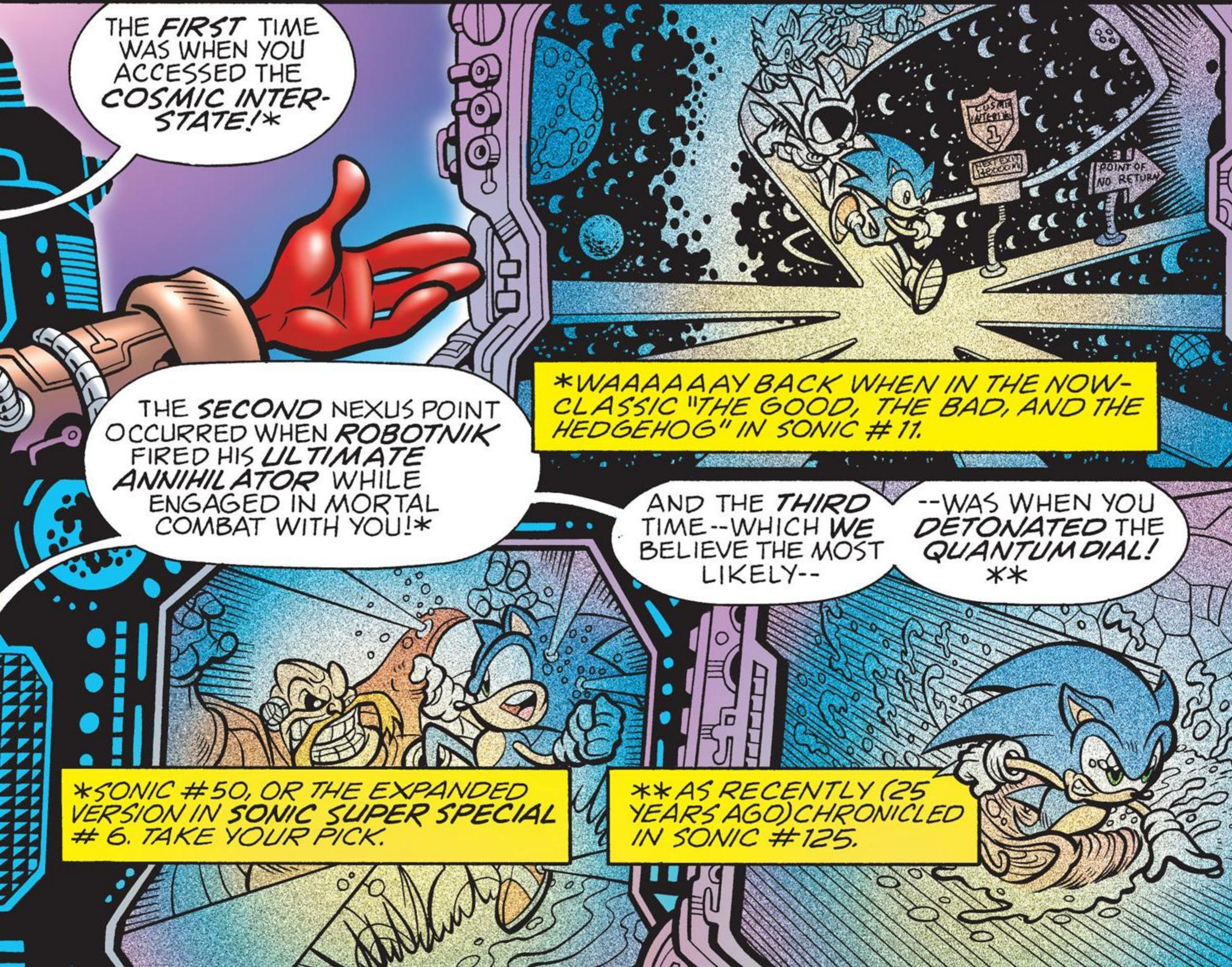
ME?!?

HAH!



AS BEST AS WE'RE ABLE TO DETERMINE, YOU WERE INVOLVED IN **THREE** EVENTS--

--ALL OF WHICH RESULTED IN **MASSIVE** DISRUPTION TO THE SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM.



THE **FIRST** TIME WAS WHEN YOU ACCESSED THE **COSMIC INTER-STATE!***

THE **SECOND** NEXUS POINT OCCURRED WHEN **ROBOTNIK** FIRED HIS **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR** WHILE ENGAGED IN MORTAL COMBAT WITH YOU!*

*WAAAAAAY BACK WHEN IN THE NOW-CLASSIC "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE HEDGEHOG" IN SONIC # 11.

AND THE **THIRD** TIME--WHICH WE BELIEVE THE MOST LIKELY--

--WAS WHEN YOU **DETONATED THE QUANTUM DIAL!** **

*SONIC #50, OR THE EXPANDED VERSION IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 6. TAKE YOUR PICK.

** AS RECENTLY (25 YEARS AGO) CHRONICLED IN SONIC #125.



BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE WHAT THE CAUSE IS?

ZONE-HOPPING ISN'T EXACTLY UNKNOWN IN THESE PARTS.

HE'S GOT A POINT, COBAR!



THE DARK LEGION HAS PLAYED FAST AND LOOSE WITH THE SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM OVER THE CENTURIES!

AND I'M NOT SUCH AN INNOCENT, EITHER!



WE DID THE MATH, GUARDIAN!

THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO CREATE THE FORCES INVOLVED COULD ONLY HAVE OCCURRED AT THESE PARTICULAR JUNCTURES!



SO IF YOU KNOW THE WHY AND HOW--

--WHAT DO YOU NEED US FOR?

UNLESS WE HAVE ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND...

...THE COOPERATION OF EVERYONE--

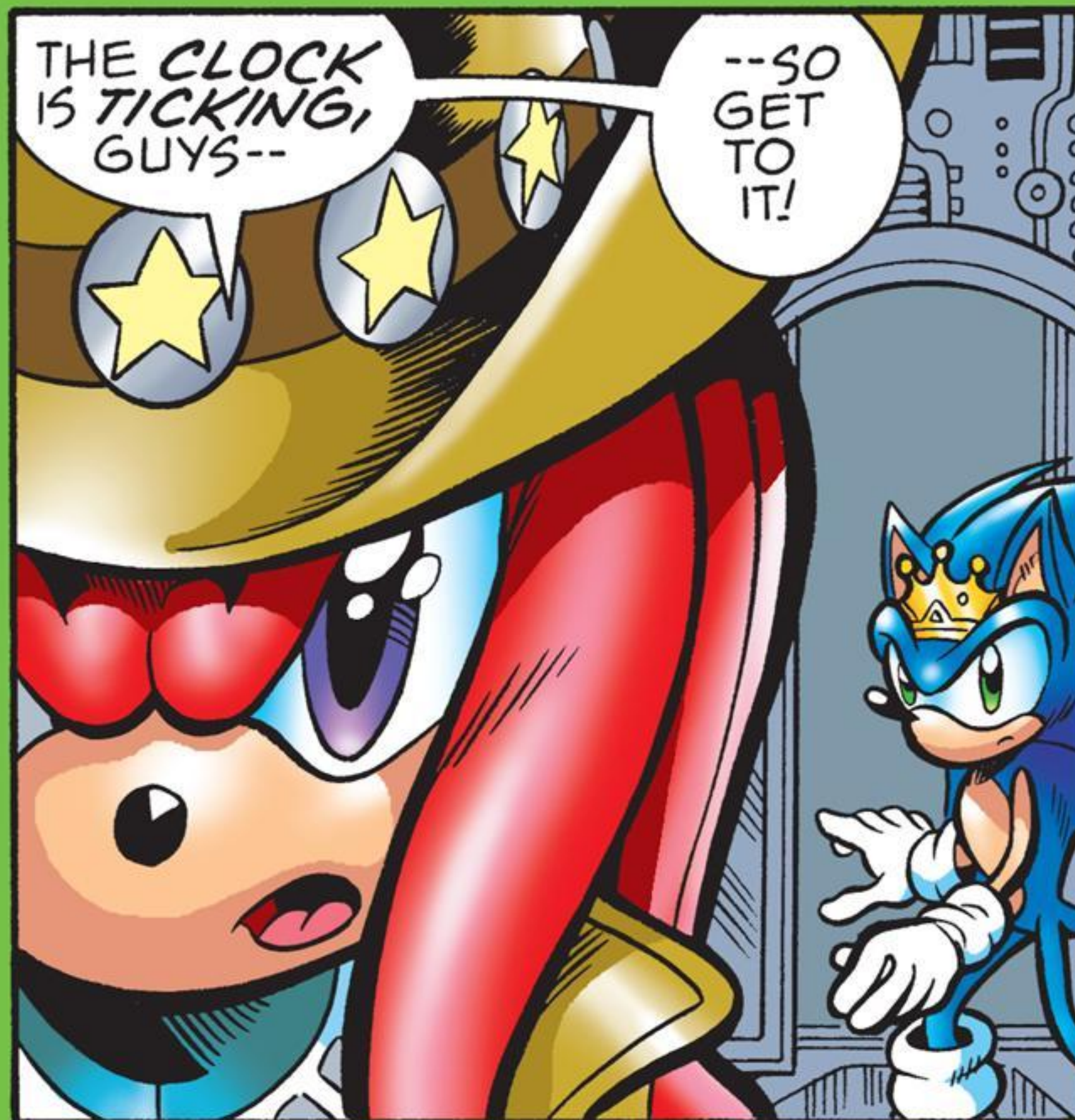


--IT'LL BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO COME UP WITH SOME MEANS OF CONTAINMENT--

--OR AN ALTERNATIVE!

WHATEVER YOU NEED, JUST SAY THE WORD!

I'M SURE KNUCKLES AGREES!



THE CLOCK IS TICKING, GUYS--

--SO GET TO IT!



JUST GET IT *RIGHT* THE *FIRST* TIME!

THUD!



GET *WHAT* RIGHT, COBAR?

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN *WITHHOLDING* FROM ME?



MADAME LIEN-DA!

THIS IS MOST *UNEXPECTED*--

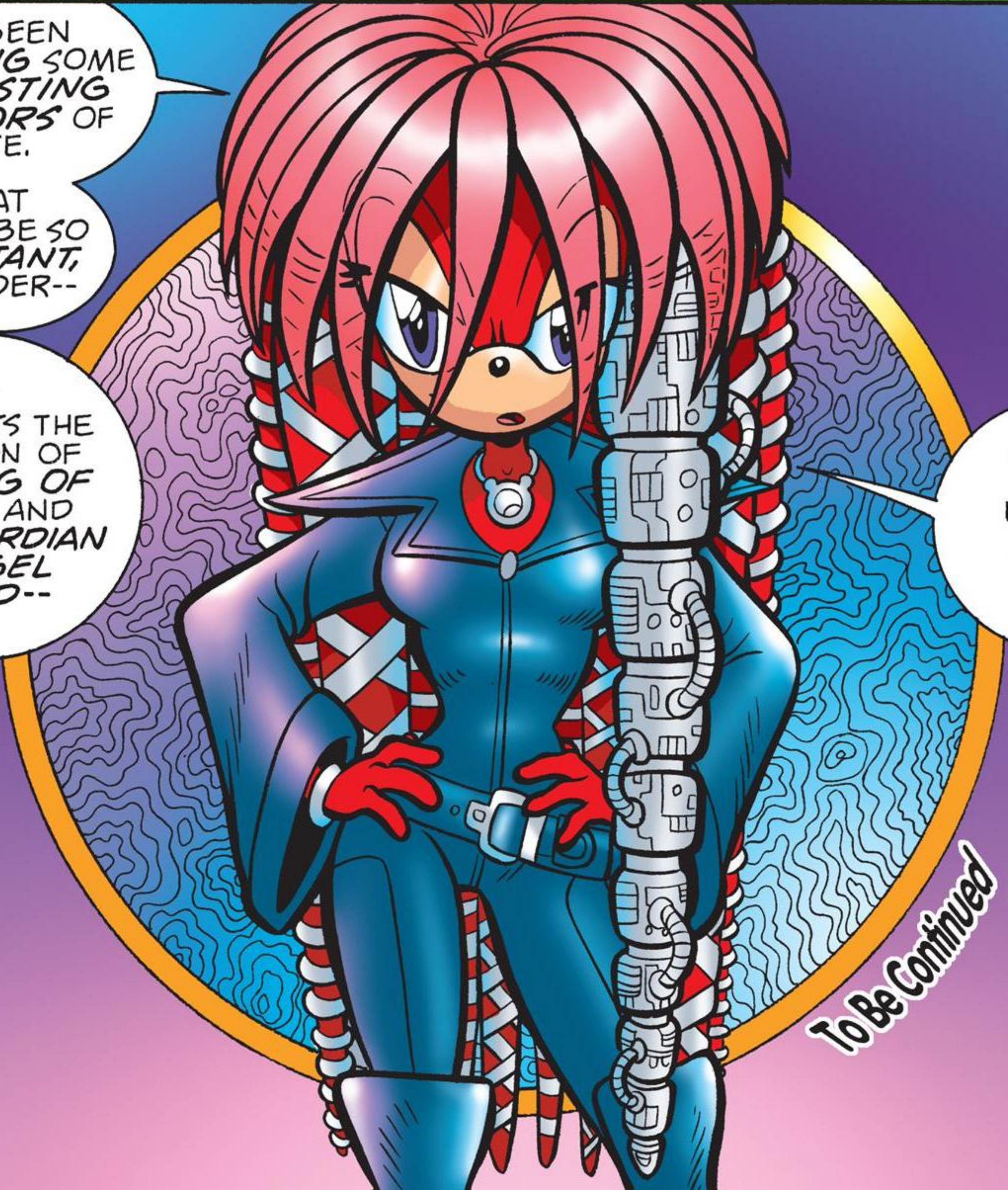
--ESPECIALLY AT *THIS* HOUR!

I'VE BEEN *HEARING* SOME *INTERESTING* *RUMORS* OF LATE.

WHAT COULD BE SO *IMPORTANT*, I WONDER--

--THAT WARRANTS THE ATTENTION OF THE *KING* OF *ACORN* AND THE *GUARDIAN* OF *ANGEL ISLAND*--

--THAT YOU DIDN'T *YET* TELL ME?



To Be Continued